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GROUP 2834**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : JEFFREY O. WILLIS, ET AL. GROUP NO.: 2834  
SERIAL NO. : 09/847,615 EXAMINER: J. Waks  
FILED : May 2, 2001  
TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR MOUNTING  
A WIND TURBINE ON A TOWER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, Paper No. 7 in the above-entitled application, please enter the following response:

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**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

An apparatus for mounting a wind turbine on the upper end of a wind turbine tower and the method of erecting the same. The tower is provided with a pair of spaced-apart guide rails positioned at one side thereof which extend from the lower end to the upper end of the tower. A carriage is movably mounted on the guide rails and has a platform pivotally mounted thereon adapted to support the wind turbine thereon. The carriage positions the wind turbine so that the spinner/hub and rotor blades may be secured thereto while the wind turbine is at the lower end of the tower and provides a

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AMENDMENT AFTER BRIEF

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15 Dear Sir:

In response to the telephone conference with Examiner Waks on February 3, 2003, regarding the above-entitled application, please enter the following response:

IN THE CLAIMS

15 Please cancel claim 5.

Respectfully submitted,

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